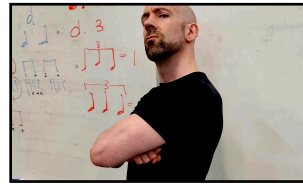


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Minnesota Original Music Festival



MOMFest 3: July 15-21, 2024

The planning for MOMFest 2024 has begun. Over the next months we will be accepting & evaluating applications to perform at MOMFest 2024, identifying workshop topics & presenters, grant writing, fundraising, planning, organizing, reaching out, accepting feedback, thinking, considering, updating, and making a bunch of decisions, as we work at making MOMFest a bigger, better, more meaningful and diverse event...you can help.

Applications to
perform at
MOMFest 2024
open January 1!

Check our [website](#)

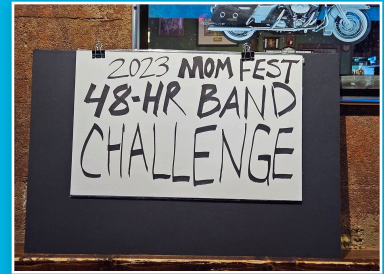
48 Hour Band Challenge

returns to MOMFest in 2024 with local musicians, “Punk Rock” Tom Heffernan & Cara Lucille once again leading our organizational efforts. The Challenge has become a premier event for MOMFest, a great way to meet & learn from other musicians & create community. The challenge creates ad hoc groups from a pool of musicians that generally have not played together (& often don’t know each other) to form bands that perform a short set of songs. Although the rules are different each year, they generally include the performance of 1 original & a pair of covers. In 2022, contestants were asked to write an original tune that used the phrase “fire hydrant.” In 2023, contestants spun a wheel that determined how the group would modify a cover song, choices included: changing the lyrics to a hot dish recipe, flipping the genre or mood of the song, & performing the song in the style of a Minnesota artist (among others). We are currently planning the 48 Hr Band Challenge draft (where bands are chosen & rules presented) for Wednesday, July 17, 5:00 pm, at Patrick’s on Third, (contestants must attend). The challenge is planned for Friday, July 19. In 2023 the event drew musicians of all performance levels from across the area (& state), from ages 18 to 66. In the coming months we will share our signup page & updates to our plans on our platforms ([Facebook](#) & [website](#)). See you at MOMFest!

MOMFest Workshops

are being organized once again by our workshop specialist, local songwriter/musician & music educator, Michelle Roche. These workshops are intended to support songwriters, composers, musicians (& those interested in becoming one) of all ages. Past workshops have included sessions on songwriting, grant writing, protecting intellectual property, placement on tv/movies/streaming, booking, understanding the rapidly changing music business, diy recording, understanding how to implement electronics & improvisation (among others). Our workshop presenters are musicians & music professionals that have included: Michael James Olson (MN State U, Mankato, music professor), Liz Draper, Nate Boots, Colin Scharf, Larry McDonough, Eric Zimmerman, Cindy Lewer (Prairie Lakes Regional Art Council), Joanne Scheduler (MN Music Coalition), among many others. If you are interested in presenting, or have workshop topics you would like us to present, [LET US KNOW!](#)

*48 Hr Band
Challenge is back!*



*How do you want
to improve?*



Songwriters in the Round

is an event that brings professional performer/songwriters together for songs & conversation about music, musical influences, songwriting process & road stories. This event is hosted by a professional musician(s) and includes performer/songwriters at various stages of their journeys. Songwriters are encouraged to share their experiences and a few songs. These events are live-streamed and recorded for radio. Our 2023 event was hosted by Kaleb Braun-Schulz, live-streamed and recorded by Triple Falls Productions of Mankato. You can watch the 2023 event [HERE](#). This year's event is planned for Thursday, July 18, at The Art Center of Saint Peter, with host, performer/songwriter Mal Murphy.

Triple Falls Interactive Stage

is a place to interact with music & movement. The stage is hosted by [Triple Falls Productions](#) & provides audiences a way to actively participate. Last year's 2023 events included:

Nate Boots Workshop Performances: Nate's Peer Songwriting Workshop attendees had the opportunity to present their songs.

Songwriting with Laura Schultz: local performer/songwriter, Laura Schultz led a class of songwriters through her process.

Musikgarten with Anja Scheidel: Anja led a class designed to help children move & appreciate music & rhythm.

Smilebro: local artist Smilebro demonstrates the art of electronic music.

48 Hr Band Challenge performances: some of the standouts of the 2023 MOMFest Band Challenge performed their band challenge pieces.

Drum Circle with Ocho: Ocho O'Connell led a group of drummers to find their natural rhythm.

EZ Jazz Jam: pro jazz group, EZ Jazz, led by Eric Zimmerman, hosted an array of local musicians to sit in with his group.

Tappy Hour: movement & dance with Carla Bode.

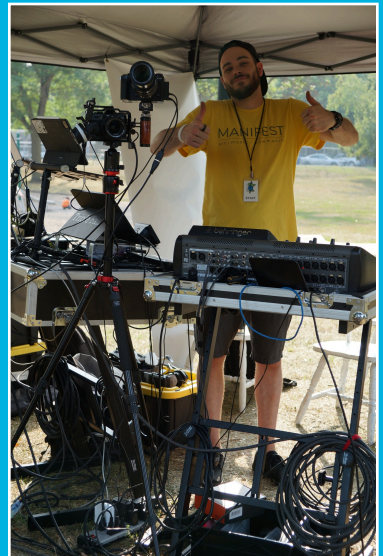
Mighty Zach Attack: local musician demos his 1-man band.

Loopers w/ Jason Helder: a demo on the use of loopers in solo performance.

Songwriters in the Round



Triple Falls Interactive Stage



KMSU Main Stage

named after one of our important partners, KMSU public radio from MN State U Mankato, this stage hosts our premier music performances that include great Minnesota songwriters and composers, some well-known & some, not so much. MOMFest includes a number of headliner events by musicians you might recognize with musicians that apply through our open application process and songwriters from our local scene, all performers of original Minnesota music. Performers that have played on the KMSU Main Stage include: Als Fona, Barley Jacks, Bee Balm Fields, Blue Hazard, Captain Gravitone & the String Theory Orchestra, D'Sievers, Esther Kinsaul, EZ Jazz, Furnace of Creation, Galactic Cowboy Orchestra, Good Time Gals, Ian Hilmer's Drivestation, Joe Tougas & Associates, JoJo Green, Kaleb Braun-Schulz & the Nightingale Band, Larry McDonough Quartet, Lonesome Dan Kase, Lucy Michelle, Machiko, Mary Claire Stroh, Masa Ishakawa, New Salty Dog, Ocho & Friends, PK Mayo, Poor Lemuel, portal iii, Quantum Mechanics, Saint Peter Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps, Shape of Walter, Silver Summer, Stacy K, We Are The Willows.

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Special thanks to the musicians and friends of the Mankato/Saint Peter music & arts community for supporting our cause.

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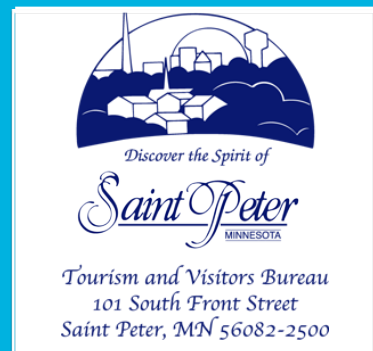
KMSU Main Stage



portal iii with Liz Draper, Charlie Parr & Chris Gray perform at MOMFest.



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MOMFest

IN 2023:

137 professional musicians performed at MOMFest events

247 people attended a MOMFest workshop

5,000 people attended a MOMFest event

MOMFest events in 2023:

- Punk Rock Matinee (Enchanted Muse, Mankato)
- The Filmmakers, a documentary by Steve Firkins, with original music by local musicians, (two showings) at St Peter High School
- 48 Hr Band Challenge Draft
- 48 Hr Band Challenge Competition
- Wednesday Live Music @ Patrick's on Third
- Thursday Live Music @ Patrick's on Third
- Songwriters in the Round, Art Center of Saint Peter
- Friday Live Music in the Park
- Triple Falls Interactive Stage Events
- KMSU Main Stage Events